in thoſe late times did keepe the[m] [gr]eat while in awe, & feare, ſo that th[ey] [dur]ſt not ſhew themſelues to be open [Pa]piſts, but rather temporiſing Papiſts, [bu]t now their feare being paſt, as [they] thought, and promiſing to themſelues peace, quietneſſe and heart eaſe, (as the generall ecco ſounded) they being cloied as the people of Iſrael with cœleſtiall Manna, erected not moulten calues, but woodden, and heathenish idols, which were ſo common in the country that euery ale-houſe knight had one before his dore. And I thinke, the rage & madneſſe of Atheiſts, & Papiſts was neuer ſo manifeſted as it hath beene this yeare, ſo that we might haue iuſtly feared that a greater iudgement than that preſent, would haue come vpon vs. Another ſort of theſe Athiſticall fooles haue ſaid to their ſoules; Now we ſhal haue peace; & peace will bring plenty, ſo we ſhall haue the world at will; and vpon this conſideration haue builded themſelues great houſes, and huge barnes, laying wealth [to] wealth, and adding houſe to houſe and land to land, as though they would liue

The murtherous and treaſonable plots this yeare againſt his moſt excellent Maieſty.

2 *Luke.*12.16. 17. 18

A POTION FOR THE Heart-plague,

as a ſoueraigne re[illegible]edie for *the other*:

Set downe in a letter ſent vnto the humble in ſpirit.

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[illegible] the crying sinnes, which are yo[illegible]re open and apparent sinnes that h[illegible]curred iudgement, and distru-[illegible] mentioned in the whole booke [illegible] not onely in quantity, but also in q[illegible]ty. To runne cursarily ouer the particular sinnes in comparison, were too tedious, and not so conuenient; onely I will make mention of the great crying, bloody, and grievous sinnes of the land. In the late daies of our dread Soueraigne Queene *Elizabeth* of euerlasting memory, we feared that Papistry would haue ouerflowed the land; but the diuell since (seeing the zeale of Gods children to be incensed, against that vnsauory locust, and the mist of that darknesse dispelled) that cunning serpent hath incamped into his field a great huge armie of fooles, which say in their hearts; There is no God. And in this army hath the most people of the land long before her Maiesties death beene mustered; but they were neuer so foolehardy, and so open as they haue beene in this first yeere of our most vertuous, and zealous [illegible] King *Iames* [illegible] godly proceedings giues them no countenance)

Vide D. Sutliffs booke a reuerent man for learning.

The three sorts of Atheists.

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Ps. 14. 1

The Diuel rageth, his time being short

i. 10. 7

anger, in laying the citie waſte was neuer ſo neere as it is at this pr[illegible]
[illegible]at the Lord [illegible]
this iudgement is that which the w[illegible]
man deſcribeth: That euery one ſhould know the plague in his owne heart. And this muſt be effected by the ſtrict humiliation of our ſelues, and a narrow ſearching of all our waies, both the viſited and vnuiſited, and confeſſe with the church of Iudah; *It is thy mercy O Lord, that we are not all conſumed.* For we muſt not thinke (that inhabit not the ſame places that are infected) that they that are viſited, are greater ſinners than we: for vnleſſe we repent, we ſhall likewiſe periſh. And therefore both prieſt and people, magiſtrate and inferiors, ought thoroughly to be touched with the eſtate of the viſited, and ſo to take it to heart, that it may mooue compaſsion, repentance, and pittie; for Chriſt which had no ſinne in him, with weeping did pitty the miſerable deſtruction of the Iewes. In conſideration whereof, how ought we, all of vs, to mourne and weepe, though the deſtroying angell come not neere vs: for there are many of vs fled

from

To all that loue the *Lord Ieſus in ſinceritie and* truth, viſited, and vnuiſited, a *deſire of repentance, in a letter* humbly compiled for *the contagious ſeaſon.*

TO the poore diſtreſſed and viſited members of Chriſt, in the citie of London, or elſe where; *Grace be with you, and peace from God our father, and from the Lord Ieſus Chriſt.* As one of the poore members of Chriſt, leaſt of any deſeruing that name, (Men, Fathers, and Bretheren) in that fellow-feeling compaſsion which my weakeneſſe will affoord; I preſume amongſt many lear-

ned and ſpirituall directions, conſola-
tions, and exhortations, neither to take
vpon me the [illegible] of the coin-
2. Cor. 1. 4. ſpirituall Phyſitian; but as one that
receaued in mercy from the Lord com-
fort: by the ſame comfort I comfort you
all. The duetie that I owe, requireth
ſome ſignet of gratefulneſſe, in repre-
ſentation to the city of London, of whom
in my affliction I receaued great com-
fort: I know of all the children of God
vnder the Sunne, I might the beſt lay my
hand vpon my mouth, and cancell my
manu-ſcript when I conſider my owne
weakneſſe, and vnwoorthineſſe, which in
it ſelfe doth bluſh; and the guilt of my
owne heart, my conſcience alſo accuſing
another ſpace, makes me pale and wan,
hauing a great part in the ſinne which is
the cauſe of this iudgement. For as the
Pro. 20. 9. wiſe man ſaith; *Who can ſay I haue made*
my heart cleane, I am cleare from my ſinnes?
But when I remembred that the city re-
Lam. 1. 1. mained [illegible] that was full [illegible]
& 2. and that many of her fained [illegible]
vnfaithfully with her, my ſpirit wept, and
my heart mourned in ſecret, then I re-
membred the reſolution of the Pſalmiſt;

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If I forget thee, oh Ieruſalem, let my right hand forget to play; if I doe not remember thee, let my tongue cleaue to the roofe of my mouth; yea if I preferre not Ieruſalem to my chiefe ioy. In the zeale of which cõſideration I ſpeake to all ſorts by the words of the prophet; *Houle you, for the day of the Lord is at hand, it ſhall come as a deſtroier from the almightie, therefore ſhall all hands be weakned, and all mans hearts ſhall melt, and they ſhall bee afraied; anguiſh and ſorrow ſhall take them, and they ſhall haue paine, as a woman that trauelleth: euery one ſhall be amaſed at his neighbour, and their faces ſhall be like flames of fire. Behold the day of the Lord, his wrath and fierce anger to laie the land waſte, and he ſhall deſtroy the ſinners out of it.* This denunciation in reſemblance, will fit an application either for the land in generall, or for the citie of London in particular; for the deſtroying angell is come from the almightie, and the ſtrength of the land is weakned. When was there euer knowne ſuch a terror ſtroken into the hearts of all people by any plague, as is this day to be perceaued? and not without cauſe, for the day of the Lord his wrath, and fierce